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1. REFLTR REPORTS EXIM BANK HAS BEEN ASKED TO FINANCE SALE OF DOLS 4 TO 6 MILLION IN ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT TO COMMUNAUTE ELECTRIQUE DU BENIN (CEB). EMBOFF DISCUSSED THIS WITH LAURENT CYRILLE FABOUMY, CEB DIRECTOR GENERAL AT JULY 4 RECEPTION AND AGAIN AT FABOUMY'S OFFICE JULY 15.

2. FABOUMY STATES CEB ITSELF HAS MADE NO RPT NO REQUEST FOR FINANCING OF SUCH EQUIPMENT SALE, BUT HE ASSUMES ONE OR ANOTHER PROSPECTIVE US SUPPLIER HAS MADE APPROACH. IT APPEARS PROJECT FOR WHICH EQUIPMENT IS INTENDED IS INSTALLATION OF TABLIGBO SUB-STATION TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER TO CTMB'S PHOSPHATE MINES AND TO CIAMO'S LIMESTONE/CEMENT PROJECT.

3. FABOUMY DESCRIBED CEB AS "INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC ORGANIZATION", ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN TOGO AND DAHOMEY IN JULY 1968. IT IS, ACCORDING TO "DAHO-TOGOLESE ELECTRICITY UNCLASSIFIED

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CODE", THE "INSTRUMENT CHOSEN BE (TWO STATES) TO EXERCISE THEIR

POWERS AND OBLIGATIONS IN ELECTRIC ENERGY MATTERS" AND IT HAS
"MONOPOLY OF PRODUCTION AND TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY
ORIGINATING AT INSTALLATIONS OTHER THAN THOSE EXISTING AT DATE
OF ENTRY INTO EFFECT OF PRESENT CODE, AS WELL AS MONOPOLY OF
CREATION OF SUCH INSTALLATIONS." EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS CEB'S
LARGEST PRESENT HOLDING IS CANADIAN-BUILT POWER LINE WHICH
TRANSMITS POWER FROM AKOSOMBO DAM, GHANA TO TOGO AND DAHOMEY.
CANADIAN LOAN OF DOLS (CAN.) 8,376,000 FOR POWER LINE WAS
OBTAINED BY GHANA, TOGO AND DAHOMEY, BUT POWER LINE EVIDENTLY
SIGNED OVER BY THEM TO CEB WHICH IS NOW RESPONSILBE FOR LOAN
REPAYMENT. FABOUMY TOLD EMBOFF THAT HENCEFORTH CEB "WILL BORROW
IN ITS OWN NAME, BUT LOANS WILL BE FULLY GUARANTEED BY TOGO
AND DAHOMEY."

4. AIRPOUCHING TO AF/W ONE COPY TOGOLESE "JOURNAL OFFICIEL"
CONTAINING INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT AND ELECTRICITY CODE
MENTIONED ABOVE, AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF CEB PROVIDED BY
FABOUMY.RAWLS

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